Tamworth 4WD Club Newsletter - DEC 2025

Club Meetings - 2nd Monday each month. 6:30pm at St Johns Hall. 72 Napier Street, Tamworth.
(Diagonally opposite Anzac Park).

Last meeting : Mon 8th Dec 2025. 6:30pm.

Next meeting : Mon 9th FEB 2025. 6:30pm.

BBQ feed after December's meeting in Anzac Park.

Facebook : Tamworth 4wd Club

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tam4wdclub@hotmail.com

Tamworth 4wd Club

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2025-2026 Committee

President	- Col Middleton	e: president.tam4wdclub@gmail.com
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Secretary	- Katrina Burton	e: secretary.tam4wdclub@gmail.com
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Equipment Officer	- Paul Ellison	
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Driver Awareness Officers	- Graeme Hodge, Leanne Middleton, Dave Maunder	
Trip Advisors	- Graeme Hodge, Leanne Middleton, Paul Ellison, Dave Maunder	

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Editors Dribblings

Hi Everyone,

BBQ in the park was a bit of a success! Welcome to the club Jason. And a few days later we are welcoming Joshua & Fiona to the club for classic rego on their 60 series 'Cruiser.

Col's trip report for the last club trip to Grassy Ridge Trail was a bit damp, and so things didn't quite go to plan, however a good time was had by all.

Another quick weekend trip is planned to the Styx River possibly this weekend. Hit up Paul or Colin if interested.

Club trip to Ponda Rosa for New Year's Eve - we might be there for a few days. And then January Australia day Longweekend, the Farm is open to us once more —- tag a long for a brilliant fun filled relaxing weekend by the Forbes River on private property.

Have a great cruisey and safe Christmas + New Year to all.

-editor

Tamworth 4wd Club, Meeting and BBQ in Anzac Park. Free BBQ.
Meeting opened: 6:35pm 1 new member, 9 in attendance. 0 visitors.

Minutes true & correct. Dave.
Business Arising AGM reminder : discussion on active and non-active life members.
Financials: N/A
Correspondence in:
-CVS & membership enquiry from Joshua.
-November Association newsletter
-November club newsletter
-few emails re Dubbo Clubs outings & meetings.

Correspondence Out:
-Club Newsletter out to members and sponsors
-Nov Association Club Newsletter
-CVS enquiry reply.

General Business
-The Clubs 50 years, ideas to be tossed around on what to do. Combined Christmas in July (?)
Ideas for the Clubs 50th: - June Longweekd bash? - Springvale weekend
Put those thinking caps on. - Camping at Sheba Dams. - Ponda Rosa
- Tea Gardens (Hodgey / Dave Apps) -Mt Borah with hang gliding club

-Discussion around Life Membership, and the Associations method of introducing a by-law into our Constitution regarding life members active/inactive. This is to stay in General Business until our next AGM to be nominated as a discussion & voting item.

-Col gave a quick verbal trip report on the last trip to Grass Ridge Trail off Oxley Highway near Gingers Creek / Cells River area.

- Craig has stepped down from being President of the Association after 14 fantastic years. Hard-working-behind-the-scenes-over-the-years Lee Dunstan from Triple Diamond Club has stepped up and taken over the reigns. Lee will do a fantastic job leading us into the future.

Trips
Styx River trip—Colin & Paul
Possibly this weekend! Get in touch with either of them. Camping on the river.

Ponda Rosa, Hanging Rock. Dave. Ponda Rosa for New Years Eve.

January Long weekend 2026 - The Farm
At this stage , the Farm is booked in for January Long-weekend.
Forbes River Road, right along side the beautiful Forbes River, on private property.

Attunga Forest recky day trip. (Paul) To be announced as a day outing.
Probably sooner than later. Announcement may be on the Facebook group.

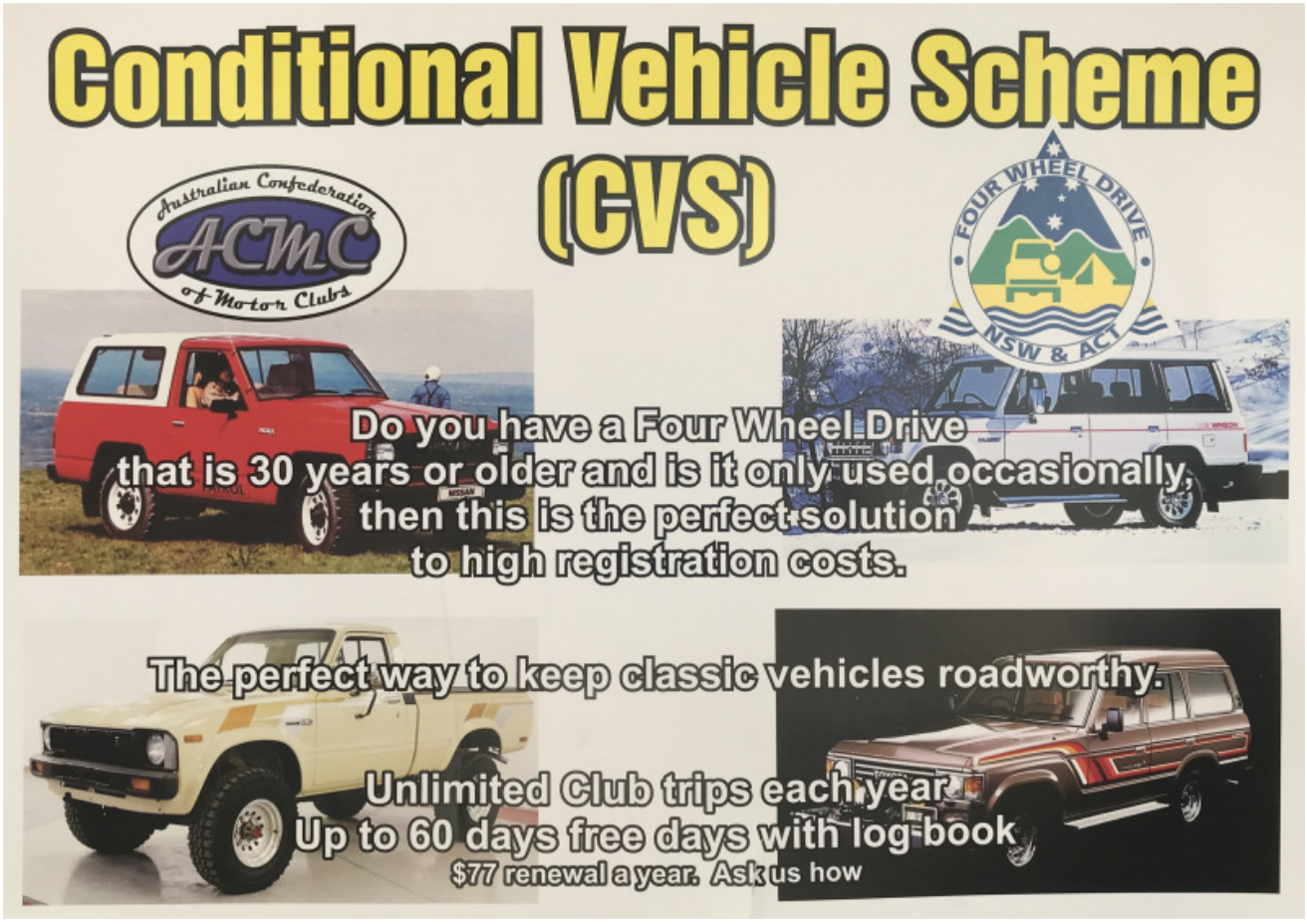
Coffs Harbour Trip – Paul. Date to be set. Mountains and Pebbly Beach.

Taylors Arm – Paul. Date to be set.

Tea Gardens—Hodgey's / Dave Apps camping grounds. - Dave.

Return to Victorian High Country - 2026. Col.

7pm Meeting closed. FEED TIME !


Conditional Vehicle Scheme
(CVS)
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ACMC
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Up to 60 days free days with log book
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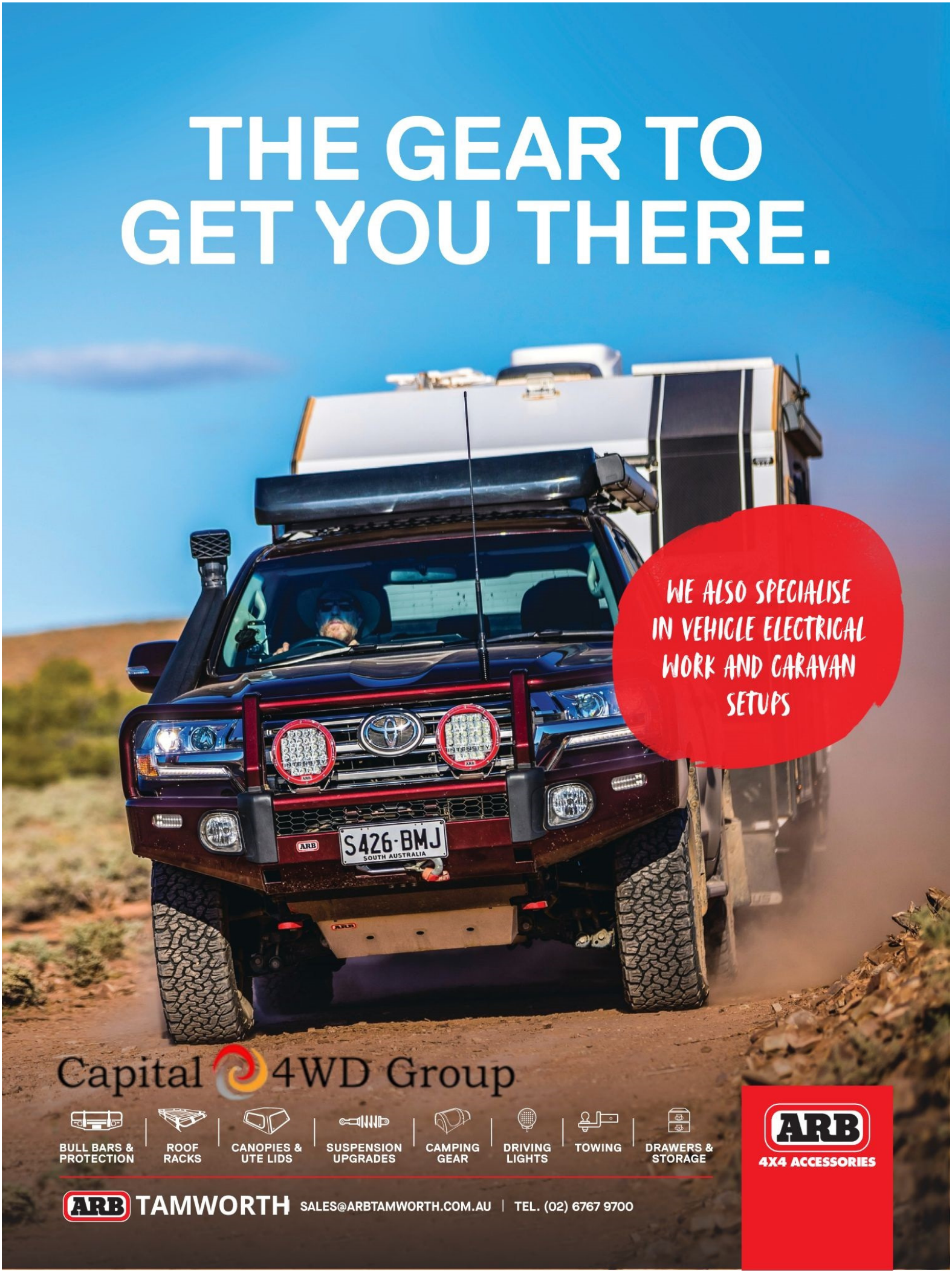
CVS - Classic Vehicle Scheme, allows for modified and engineered 30-year old vehicles on the road for 60 days with a log book. It also allows for unlimited days for Club trips and events. This is also open to other vehicles including all registrable 2wd cars, VW style beach buggies, modified and engineered lowered cars & trucks that are under 3500kg. You will have 'CLASSIC' conditional NSW plates.
Interested in knowing more? Send an email to the Tamworth 4wd Club.
Email: tam4wdclub@hotmail.com

Introducing the Tamworth 4wd Club Stubby Cooler.
$10.00 each.
Contact Paul Ellison, or tam4wdclub@hotmail.com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- CAMPING ESSENTIALS & MORE *ON SALE* FOR 4WD CLUB MEMBERS

Gear up for that weekend getaway!!

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4X4 FIT-OUTS

COMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATIONS

DUAL BATTERY SYSTEM SETUPS

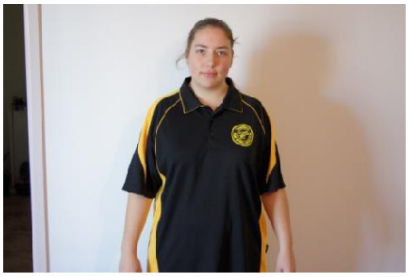
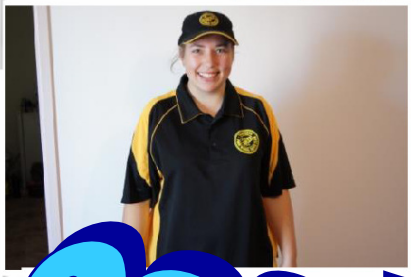
TAKE THE LEAD.

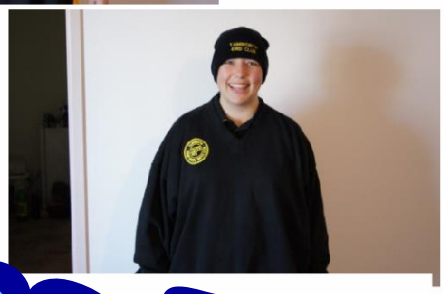
TJM 4X4 EQUIPPED

Trip Leader Responsibilities

- The trip leader is responsible for ensuring that the trip is conducted in a safe and responsible manner.
- All members who reserve a place in your trip should be recorded, their phone number and an emergency contact number taken. This will allow you to advise them if the conditions change or to contact Family in the event of n emergency.
- A reconnaissance trip and good maps and/or knowledge of the area are required to conduct a safe trip.
- Any permission for access needs to be obtained beforehand.
- It is your responsibility to decide if the weather conditions have altered the trip grading, as you may need to advise the participants before the trip.
- At the start point, introduce yourself, check-in all participants, collect the donation for Westpac Helicopter, check the correct equipment if necessary, and explain the nature details of the trip to all. Assign a main backup UHF channel at this point.
- Ask two older members to act as control vehicles. A “Rear Marker” and “Centre Marker” are usually best to help guide the convoy safely.
- Proceed at a legal pace that suits all participants, and keep in touch with your designated control vehicles to judge the convoy’s progress.
- It is your responsibility to assess the track conditions, and guide the group throughout the trip to ensure a safe and enjoyable outing.
- At the conclusion of the trip, check-off all participants and retrieve any loan equipment if necessary.
- Take donation money to next meeting and hand to treasurer.

Club Merchandise



See Leanne for new pricing

- $30 - [illegible]
- $40 - Hoodies
- [illegible] - Caps
- [illegible]

- $[illegible]
- $30 - Jumpers
- [illegible] - Hoodies
- If [illegible] merchandise [illegible]eton

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Account Name : Tamworth 4WD Club

B.S.B.: 032-621

Account Number: 895405

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PUT YOUR NAME AS THE REFENCE SO WE KNOW WHO THE MONEY IS FOR

MEMBERSHIP FORMS

All members will need to complete a membership form when paying their annual membership fees.

This helps to keep records updated on current members and for insurance purposes.

NEW FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT MEETINGS OR CONTACT THE SECRETARY

Email: tam4wdclub@hotmail.com
: dave.maunder@gmail.com
Phone (Dave) : 0429111017
(Dave) : 0429656363
(Leanne) : 0408605343

Family membership: $60/year

Tamworth 4wd Club Membership Renewal/Confirmation of Details

Surname: ……

First Name: …… DOB: ……

Partner's Name: …… …… DOB: ……

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Note:

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☐ I wish to receive the newsletter by ordinary mail and not by email.

Phone Number: Home: …… **Work**: ……

Mobile/s: ……

Vehicle Details: Make: ……

Model: ……

Year: …… Registration: ……

Name of Relative/friend in case of emergency: ……

Emergency contact phone number: ……

Signature of Member: …… Date: ……

Signature of Partner: …… Date: ……

Please bring completed form along to the next club meeting and hand it to the secretary or send to

P.O Box 3345
West Tamworth
NSW 2340

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Privacy Statement and Update of Member Details

Under the Commonwealth Privacy Act 2001, it is an offence to publish or distribute the personal information of any member of the Tamworth 4WD Club Inc. without the written permission of the member. Similarly, we are not permitted to publish any photographs of club member's vehicles or their families when on club trips without written permission. In order to organise club trips and events, the trip leader or event organiser needs to contact club members and we need to be able to pass your details to fellow club members. Also, we like to include trip and social reports, including photos, and promote the club at sponsor's promotion days and 4WD shows.

In order to comply with the Privacy Act and keep our records accurate, every club member needs to complete the following form and update their details:

Please answer the sections below and return ASAP:

Section 1

Please tick the statement with which you agree

☐ I/We hereby **give permission** for the Tamworth 4WD Club to include my personal details (name, address & phone? In the members list which is published each month in the newsletter and understand that copies of the newsletter are provided to club sponsors and other 4WD clubs. Or

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Section 2

Please tick the statement with which you agree

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Names of Members:

_____

Member's Signatures:

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MEMBERS CONDUCT

If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the Committee, be contrary to the welfare or interest of the Club, the member may be called upon to justify and explain such conduct to a special meeting of the Committee and, if after consideration at such meeting, a majority present is of the opinion that the conduct of such member is as charged, the Committee may caution, suspend or expel such member. Any decision shall be conveyed to the member in writing by the Secretary. If the member so cautioned, suspended or expelled by the Committee wishes they may appeal in writing to the Club and request a Special General Meeting of the Club to discuss such appeal. The Special General Meeting so called my reverse of alter the Committee's decision on a two thirds majority of the members resent at such meeting. Such decision of the Special General Meeting of the Club shall be final.

Just a gentle reminder !!!

Before leaving on any trip all participants should make sure you have a **-Snatch strap- Solid recovery points on your vechile- Rated Bow Shackles minimum of 3.25 - UHF radio, desirable- Fire Extinguisher.**

History of the Tamworth 4WD Club

Tamworth Recreational 4WD Club was formed in 1976 by local Four Wheel Drive owners. It is a family orientated club and caters for family participation in recreational four wheel drive touring and camping trips into bushland areas of the great natural beauty and attraction.

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The Objectives of the Club

- To promote safety, friendship and courtesy, both ON and OFF the road, through training, community activities, club and family touring and camping activities
- To promote and encourage family social activities and organise club tours
- To conduct meetings and classes whereby members may obtain knowledge enabling them to become proficient in handling, navigation, care and maintenance of their vehicle
- And in particular to encourage and foster the activity of recreational four wheel driving and endeavor to establish same in the eyes of various Government Departments etc (in particular the National Parks and Wildlife Service, State Forest of N.S.W) as a recognised and responsible family past time.
- To actively encourage the conservation of Australia's natural environment

Current Financial Members
Rick & Katrina Burton
Jodie Thompson
Shaun Morrison
Paul Ellison & Melinda Bridge
Chrissy & Dave Maunder
Richard Mariner
Terry & Helen Collins
Dave & Karma Walters
Sam Walters & Izzy Cleaver
Aaron Walters, Nicole Ward & young Henry
Tim Patterson & family.
Colin & Sue Turner.
Kevin & Asia Gorick.
Jason & … Green. (sorry, need to grab name. My fault)
Joshua & Fiona Walker.

Club Life Members
Graeme Hodge
Phil Swindale.
Bob Tallon
Leanne & Col Middleton

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